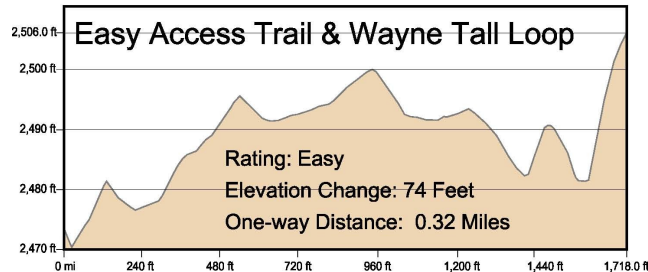
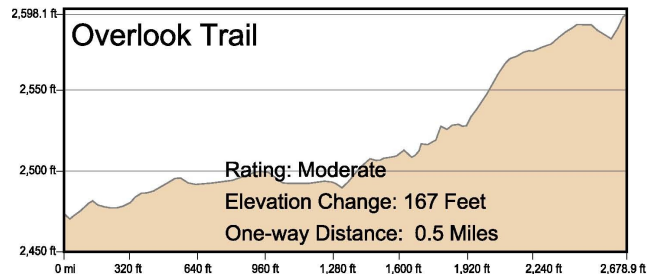
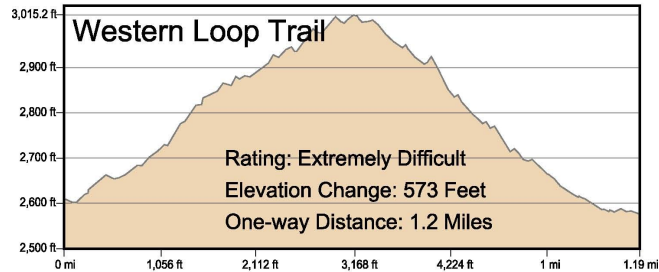
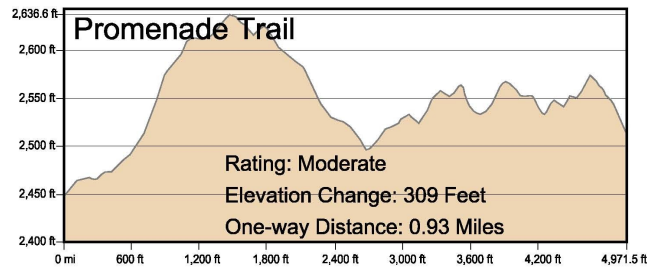
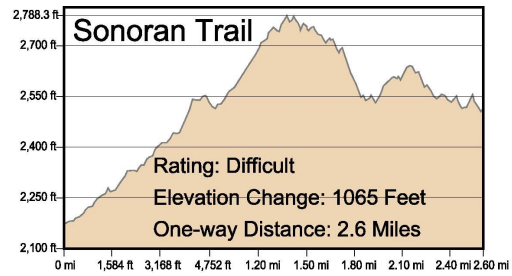


Trail Profiles



Trail Rules

The following are prohibited within the Preserve:

- ♦ Accessing the Preserve by leaving a trail or trail-head. All Preserve visitors shall stay on authorized trails and within trailheads.
- ♦ Accessing the Preserve outside of the posted hours of operation.
- ♦ Alcoholic beverages.
- ♦ Camping.
- ♦ Carrying or using any glass or ceramic container.
- ♦ Creating, developing or using any spider trail.
- ♦ Destroying any barriers, signs, or other Town property.
- ♦ Destroying, damaging or removing any vegetative or mineral resource, including but not limited to any tree, shrub, wildflower, cactus or rock outcropping.
- ♦ Dogs are prohibited unless on a 6-foot maximum leash at all times, and must remain on trails.
- ♦ Horses.
- ♦ Hunting, trapping or otherwise harming or harassing any wildlife.
- ♦ Littering or depositing garbage, trash, refuse or other obnoxious material anywhere other than in specific Town-provided containers provided for that purpose.
- ♦ Setting or igniting any type of fire.
- ♦ Smoking.
- ♦ Throwing rocks or other objects into washes, including but not limited to up or down hillsides and on or off trails.
- ♦ Using any vehicle, including motorized vehicles and bicycles, except authorized maintenance vehicles and during emergency evacuations along the Emergency Access Route as directed by emergency personnel.

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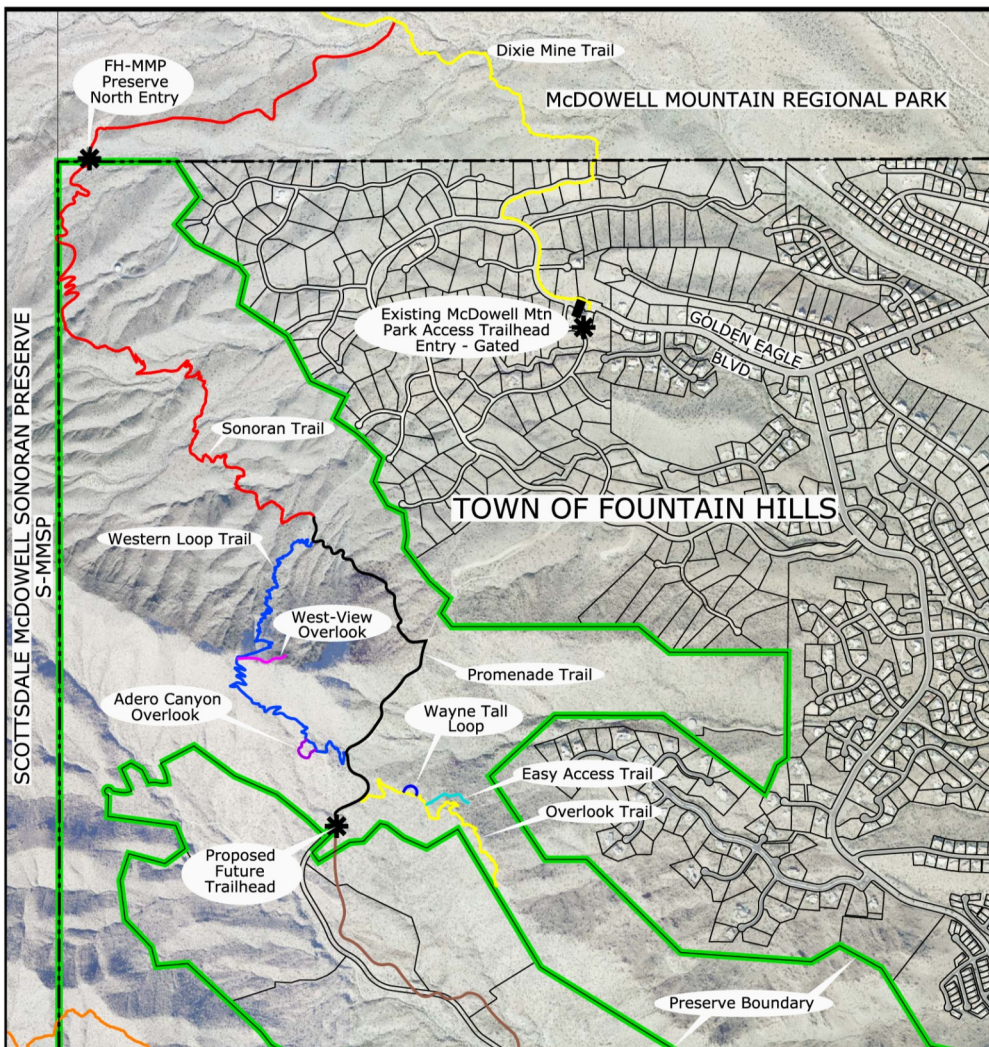


Town of Fountain Hills

McDowell Mountain Preserve Trails



The trailhead for the McDowell Mountain Preserve trail system is located at the end of Golden Eagle Blvd. There are facilities at the trailhead and signage that will guide you through the Eagles Nest community to the Dixie Mine trail where there is a \$2 per person access fee to enter the park.



Trail Rating Guide

During the hotter months when the temperature and or humidity is high, trails will be rated at least one level higher

Rating Symbol	Brief Definition	Surface	Grade	Obstacles / Steps
easiest	Paved Accessible Trail	Paved or hard and smooth		None
easy	Mostly smooth and wide	Dirt with occasional unevenness		2" or less, rocks and ruts
moderate	Mostly smooth, variable width	Dirt with occasional unevenness		<8" rocks and ruts, loose material
mod. difficult	Mostly uneven surfaces	Dirt and rock		<12" rocks and ruts, loose material
difficult	Long rocky segments with possible drops and exposure	Dirt and loose rock with continual unevenness		12" or taller loose rocks, exposure to drops
extremely difficult	Long rocky segments with possible drops and exposure	Dirt and loose rock with continual unevenness		12" or taller loose rocks, exposure to drops and excessive heat >90F

Trail Guide

Trail Name	Approx. Length (Miles)	Relative Difficulty	Elevation Gain (Feet)	Rating Symbol
Dixie Mine (to Sonoran)	0.4	Moderate	200	
Sonoran (1.7 in Preserve)	2.6	Difficult	1065	
Promenade	0.9	Moderate	309	
Western Loop	1.2	Extremely Difficult	573	
Overlook	0.4	Moderate	167	
Easy/Wayne Tall (from Overlook)	0.12	Easy	74	

Trail distances and elevation gain are one-way.
Know your limits and plan accordingly.

Trail Etiquette

- ◆ Be considerate of other trail users
- ◆ Downhill traffic should yield to uphill traffic
- ◆ Bicyclists always yield to hikers
- ◆ Always travel at a safe speed

Emergency Markers

Emergency markers are installed on posts along the trails. Reference the trail designation, such as PT-13, on the nearest marker in the event of an emergency to assist emergency personnel in identifying your location.

